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1AY WHEAT STILL STRONG

HORTS COVERING FOR HOLIDAY STRENGTHENS THE MARKET.

ty Touches 94 7-Sc. but Declines to 94 3-8c-Corn and Oats Firm-Provisions Dull-Chicago Speculative Market.

hicago, Dec. 24.-Buying by the bull to remain short over the holiday, made strong speculative wheat market to-, May closing \$365 chigher. Decemwas a trifle weaker and declined 12c, in and oats were firm, corn advancing while oats added 1,22% to its former Provisions barely held their own. i wheat the moderate strength with ch the market closed the day before was added to at the opening. There were

some indications yesterday afternoon in the active demand on the curb for calls that the Leiter-French party would give the market the benefit of their more active support to-day. They were credited with buying calls to the extent of 1,000,000 bushels. May, which closed yesterday at 935sc, opened to-day with buyers at 318,978-42 and very soon it was bringing 39-5c, about yesterday's call price. It took only a little more application of the built while to set clamoring and competing with each other for the limited offerings. That resulted nadvancing it to 37-5c, that price being reached about an hour from the start. The resulted nadvancing it to 37-5c, that price being reached about an hour from the start. The resulted nadvancing it to 37-5c, that price being reached about an hour from the start. The continuation of the four property of the corresponding deline. A cablegram of the corresponding deline. A cablegram from the Buenos of wheat at 25,000.000 bushels have been acting and the cargo was No. 1 Northern spring and 35 cars of same grade were transferred from uniformed to resport soft wheat and flour amounted to 10 start. It was a grade and the cargo was No. 1 Northern spring and 35 cars of same grade were transferred from uniformed to resport the miportations, \$1,000 bushels No. 1 Northern spring and 35 cars of same grade were transferred from uniformed to responsibly the safety of the cargo was No. 1 Northern spring and 35 cars of same grade were transferred from uniformed to responsibly the safety of the cargo was No. 1 Northern spring and 35 cars of same grade were transferred from uniformed to responsibly the safety of the same transferred from uniformed to responsibly the safety of the same transferred from uniformed to response of wheat and start and buyers of the same transferred from uniformed to response of wheat and start and buyers are same grade to the same transferred from uniformed to response of wheat and start and buyers are same grade to the same transferred from uniformed to response to the same transferred from uniformed to opened to-day with buyers at 90%4944c and very soon it was bringing 945,c, about yesterday's call price. It took only a little

the close. May ranged from 23-c to 23c and closed 4,95%c higher at 234,6725%c.

Provisions were dull throughout. Easiness prevailed at the opening, due to lower prices at the yards, but the initial decline brought enough buyers to change the course of the market and cause a recovery. For the rest of the season prices were practically at a standstill. At the close May pork was unchanged at \$8.575. May lard unchanged at \$4.72½, and May ribs uncha

LOCAL GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat and Corn Firm, but Trading Light-Onts Quiet and

Wenk. In store—Wheat, \$28,000 bushels; corn, 527,-00 bushels; oats, 64,100 bushels; rye, 84,000

Wheat.

Receipts past 24 hours
Same time last year
There was very little doing in this market yesterday. It being Christmas eve, most of
the morning was given up to frolicking on change, and there was little business of
any kind done. Cables were firmer and
futures were up again, and what few sales made showed strength, and in some in-
stances, maybe, a fraction higher. But
to give a full test of the market. By sample on track here at Kansas City. No.
hard, \$21-986c, I car choice asta nounds at
Ker. No. 2 spring, 1 car mixed at 80 c; No. 2 hard, 1 car at 81 c, 1 car 56 pounds at 82c.
1 car 56's pounds at \$2'sc, 2 cars 57 pounds at \$2'sc, 1 car choice 57 pounds at \$2'sc, 1 car
the pounds at Mec. No. 3 spring sposte t
car at 805c; No. 4 hard, I car 54 pounds at 755c, I car 57 pounds at 81c, I cars 55 pounds
at 854c; rejected, 1 car 33 pounds at 75c.

at SSige; rejected, I car as pounds at 75c, 2 cars at 75c, 1 car at 75c, 1 car red 53% pounds at 75c; No. 2 red, 91s/95c; No. 3 red, 2 cars at 88c, 2 cars 58 pounds at 50c, 1 car 55c pounds at 50c, 1 car 57c pounds at 50c; No. 4 red, 84s/86c, 1 car 57 pounds at Corn. Receipts past 24 hours...... Same time last year.....

Same time last year. 25, 69

Shipments 25, 29

The market for this grain, as for wheat, was a quiet one yesterday. Being on the ever of Christmas, there was but little effort made at trading. What sales made, however, were at steady and firm prices. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2 mixed, 19 cars at 235c; No. 3 mixed, 226 224c; No. 4 mixed, 225c; No. 2 white, 274c; No. 2 white, 275c; at 24c; No. 3 white, 275c; at 24c; No. 4 white, 275c; at 25c.

Onto.

Shipments 1.200 There was nothing doing in this grain yes-terday. Prices nominal, By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2, 43\2046; No. 1.40435 . 4943c. FLOUR-Firm in sympathy with wheat,

FLOUR-FIRM IN SYMPATHY with wheat, but demand light, Quoted as follows: Soft wheat, per harrel, patents, \$4.5564.70; straights, \$4.2564.40; extra fancy, \$4.1064.20; low grades, \$2.8563.25, Hard-Patents, \$4.4064.50; straights, \$4.1064.20; bakers, \$3.6665, \$2.7563.20. Established brands and city mills, 30650c per barrel higher. CORNMEAL—Dull, but stendy. Quoted CORNAISAL Dun, but Steady, at 486556 per cwt, bulk, CORN CHOP Market quiet,but unchanged, Quoted at 46947c per cwt., sacked, BRAN-Selling fairly and prices steady, Sacked, 52953c per cwt., bulk, 45956c per cwt. Sacked, School per cwt., bulk, 4-90-90 per cwt.
FLANSEED-Steady and in fair demand.
Cash and December, \$1.061₂ per bushel upon the basis of pure.
CASTOR BEANS-Demand fair and prices steady. Car lots, \$1.09 per bushel; less, \$1.05 per bushel.

Hay. Receipts past 24 hours 260 tons Same time last year 980 tons Shipments 50 tons Demand very good and prices steady and firm. Frairie, \$5.50, No. 1, \$5.50g,5.00, No. 2, \$5.50g,5.00, No. 2, \$5.50g,5.00, No. 2, \$5.50g,5.00, No. 2, \$5.00g,5.00, No. 2, Receipts past 24 hours ...

Yesterday's Chicago Market. Furnished by the French Bros, Commis-

1	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Close Thur.
Wheat-			1		
Dec	\$ 9914	\$ 997,	\$ 963.	\$ 90	\$ 9914
May	541,	9474	541	941.	9356
July	84%	9.7%	8412	841.	841
Sept	79	794	28%	75%	7814
Corn-					
Dec	25714	200	2612	26%	2614
Dec May July	200	230.4	27.5	200	2015
Orte-	400		305	37	30%
Dec	2214	0.05	991	0.000	2014
May	92	2015		271	23
Perk-					
Dec		11		7 00	7.70
Jan		7 70	8 70	8 75	8 7215
May	8 95	8 971,	8 9214	S 9714	8 971
Lard-					The second
Dec				4 471	4 45
Jan	4 52%	4 66)	4 521	4 55	4 55
May	4 70	4 7212	4 70	4 70	4 7214
S. Ribs-				2 202	2.12
Jan May				4 4215	4 40

Weather cold and dry.

A Minneapolis report says receipts of wheat from the country are still light; flour trade is good.

A late New York message reports five loads of wheat, forty loads of corn and 0.000 bushels of oats taken for export yes-Indian corn exports for the week are

Indian corn exports for the week are 4.879,911 bushels, as against 4.129,878 bushels last week, 2.468,600 this week a year ago, and 1.839,000 bushels in 1895.

Receipts of wheat in Liverpool during past three days, 100,000 centals, including \$4,000 American. Receipts of AmAerican corn during last three days, 239,000 centals.

A week ago 8 277 Two weeks ago 22 275 Two years ago 2 301 Yesterday 10 276 18 12 30 25 Holiday Excursions.

\$15.00—Chicago and Return—\$15.00 Dec. 25th, 21st and Jan. 1st. \$5.50—Chicago, one way—\$8.50 Dec. 25th, 21st and Jan. 1st. \$5.00—St. Louis, one way—\$5.00 Dec. 25th, 21st and Jan. 1st.

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MONEY, STOCKS AND BONDS.

STOCKS GENERALLY STRONGER BUT TRADING LIGHT.

Street Railways Were Buoyant and Higher and the General Market Stronger Under Their Influence-Money Firm.

The banks reported a good counter business yesterday, but the demand for money light and what had mainly renewals. But little new paper of any kind offering, Rates, however, held steady at 7as per cent. Cur-rency shipments to the country light. Bank clearings, \$1,586,617, same day last year a holiday. For the week, \$8,622,625, against \$9,408,806; a decrease of \$756,101, a loss of \$ per cent.

\$3,408,806; a decrease of \$786,101, a loss of 8 per cent.

Eastern exchange firm.

Houston, Fible & Co. exchange brokers, quote it as follows: New York, 36c premium; Chicago, par; St. Louis, par.

The New York hank statement yesterday showed an increase in loans the past five days of \$3,527,600; in specie of \$132,700; but a decrease in deposits of \$558,900, in legal tenders of \$4,522,000, and in the surplus reserve of \$4,202,600, making it now \$11,523,450 above the 25 per cent rule.

Money at Home and Abroad.

Money at Home and Abrond.

New York, Dec. 24.—Money on call nominally, 20t4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 35:504 per cent. Sterling exchange weak with actual business in bankers' bills at \$1.84\2014.94.81\5, for demand, and at \$4.81\2014.94.81\5, for sixty days. Posted rates, \$4.82\4.83 and \$4.85\2014.84.85. Commercial bills, \$4.80\2014.

London, Dec. 24.—Money, 25\(\text{i}\) per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills, 3 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills, 3 per cent.

New York, Dec. 24.—Clearings, \$138,561,737; balances, \$9,956,118.

Boston, Dec. 24.—Clearings, \$16,226,176; balances, £146,652.

Baltimore, Dec. 24.—Clearings, \$16,781,281; balances, £39,183.

Sal; balances, \$1,529,785.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Clearings, \$16,781,276.

New York exchange, 49445c premium; posted rates, \$4,83 and \$4,84.

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—Clearings, \$4,387, 622; balances, \$4,83 and \$4,84.

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—Clearings, \$4,387, 622; balances, \$4,836. Money 548 per cent. New York exchange par bid, 25c premium asked.

New Orleans, Dec. 24.—Clearings, \$4,387, 622; balances, \$40,495. Money 548 per cent. New York exchange, bank, par; commercial, \$1,25 per \$1,690 discount.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Clearings, \$15,844.

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Kausas City Local Securities.

Kansas City Local Securities. Following are the prices of local stocks and bonds, as reported by H. P. Wright & Co., 726 Delaware street:

Co., 726 Delaware street:

Annual Last
dividend, dividend, Bid, Ask,
First National bank, 19 July 97 175 185
Nat. Bank of Com., 6 July 97 188 110
Citizens' Nat. bank, 6 July 95 19 95
Interstate Nat. bank, 6 July 97 18 121
Union Nat. bank, 6 July 96 71 75
K. C. State bank, 6 July 96 71 75
K. C. State bank, 6 July 97 18 121
Mo. Savings bank, 8 Oct. 97 115 125
N. E. S. D. & T. Co., 6 July 97 125 136
U. S. Trust Co., 109 105
Bank of H. S. Mills, 12 July 97 125 136
U. S. Trust Co., 19 105 125
K. C. Stock Yards, 6 Nov. 97 19 112
Met. St. Ry, stock, 2 Nov. 97 163 6542
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Co. Smelt, & Ref. Co. 6 Meh, 96 92 95
M. K. & T. Trust Co. 6 Nov. 97 103 105
Cen. Coal & Coke Co. 5 Aug. 95 75
Do common 15 Aug. 95 15 to common

C. P.S. & M., com. 6 Aug. '55

O preferred 6 Aug. '35

C. Pittsburg & Gulf stock

O, state 3½ per cent bonds

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Bank Clearings.

New York, Dec. 24.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings for the week ended December 22, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

	Cities.	Clearings.	Inc.	Dec.
	New York	\$ 797,008,484	20.6	
	Boston	109.871.896	21.1	
	Chicago	108,685,103		
	Philadelphia	79.000.717	29.5	
	St. Louis	29, 107, 407	20.8	
H	Pittsburg	18.681.978	25.1	
	Baltimore			
	San Francisco	11.327.734		
	Cincinnati	13,167,456		
	Kansas City	10,251,500		12.6
	New Orleans	13,240,023		
	Minneapolis	10,793,227	20.0	
	To the land to the			
	Detroit	0.080,443		*****
	Cleveland	6,772,790	15.1	
	Louisville	6,102,927		2.55
	Providence	4,581,800		
	Milwaukee			
	St. Paul	4,587,788	3.0	
	Buffalo		2.9	
	Omaha	1,250,720	100 . 10	
	Indianapolis	4,767,623	18.8	
	Columbus, O	3,830,900	15.8	
	Denver	2.725.743	9.5	
	Memphis		3.6	
	Washington	2.111.930		
	Fert Worth			
	St. Joseph			45.00
	Topeka		13.6	
	Wichita		31.1	
И	Lincoln	321,594	11 1	
	Galveston		49.11	
	Houston	7,615,989	****	4.1
	Totals United States		26 0	
	Totals outside New		- 18 p 17	
	York		17 0	

Silver.

New York, Dec. 24.—Bar silver, 57%c; Mexican dollars, 45%c. London, Dec. 24.—Bar silver, firm at 26%d per ounce.

Government Bonds

State and Railroad Bonds. New York, Dec. 24.—Closing quotations on

New York Stock exchange were: District 3 658, 1694; Alabama class A, 1681₂; Ala-bama class B, 1681₂; Alabama class C, 160; New York Stock exchange were: District 3 63s, 1994; Alabama class A, 1984; Alabama class A, 1984; Alabama class B, 1984; Alabama class C, 199; Alabama class B, 1984; Alabama class C, 199; Alabama class B, 1984; Alabama class C, 199; Alabama class B, 1984; Alabama currency, 199; Alchison 4s, 8934; Alchison ad), 4s, 553; Canada Southern 2ds, 1974; Chicago Terminal, 46; Chesapeake & Obio 5s, 1114; C., H. & D, 443s, offered, 1974; Chicago Terminal, 46; Chesapeake & Obio 5s, 1114; C., H. & D, 1985; C., H. & S, 1984; Denver & Rio Grande 4s, 1974; F. W. & D. 1818; t. r., offered, 57; General Electric 5s, 1994; G. H. & S, A 26s, offered, 1975; Houston & Texas Central consols, 5s, 198; Iowa Central 1818, 1814; Kansas Pacific consols, t. r., 875; Kansas Pacific ists (Denver division), t. r., offered, 115; Lousinana new consols, 4s, 1975; L. & N. U.fl. 4s, 873; Missouri 6s, 196; Missouri, Kansas & Texas 2ds, 624; Missouri, Kansas & Texas 4s, 86; New York Central 1818, 1834; New Jersey Central 5s, 113; North Carolina 4s, 163; Northern Pacific 1818; IlS; Northern Pacific 2s, 604; Northern Pacific 1818; IlS; Northern Pacific 2s, 604; Northern Pacific 4s, 953; N. Y., C. & St. L. 4s, 1995; Oregon Mayigation 4s, 983; Oregon Short Line 5s, 17; Oregon Improvement 1818, 11; Oregon Navigation 4s, 983; Oregon Short Line 5s, 17; Prancisco general 6s, 1185; St. Louis & Iron Mountain consols, 3s, 84; St. Louis & San Francisco general 6s, 1185; St. Louis & San Francisco gener

Stocks and Bonds.

The market for this grain, as for wheat.

Was a quiet one yesterday. Being on the eve of Christmas, there was but little effort made at trading. What sales made however, were at steady and firm prices. By sample on track here at Kansas City. No. 2 mixed 10 cars at 234c; No. 3 white, 234-23c. No. 2 white, 7 cars at 24c; No. 3 white, 234-23c.

Receipts past 24 hours. 10.000

There was no trading in this grain yesterday. There being little effort at doing business of any kind. Prices nominal. By sample on track here at Kansas City. No. 2 mixed, 234-23c.

No. 4 mixed, 234-234c. No. 4 white, 234-235c.

There was no trading in this grain yesterday. There being little effort at doing business of any kind. Prices nominal. By sample on track here at Kansas City. No. 2 mixed, 234-234c.

No. 3 white, 134-23c. No. 4 white, 134-23c.

There was no trading in this grain yesterday. There being little effort at doing business of any kind. Prices nominal. By sample on track here at Kansas City. No. 2 mixed, 234-234c.

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ly but being restored by the final stiffening in Metropolitan Street Railway and Third Avenue. There was no particular news to account for the movement in prices, though the bank statement with its further decrease of over \$1.00,000 in the surplus reserve, had the effect of checking the activity in the market for the time being. In fact, the market fidd not take on the same animation again during the remainder of the day, even when the announcement was made of the engagement for shipment from England by to-morrow's steamer of \$500,000 in gold. The bank statement was about what was expected and reflected a portion of last week's Union Pacific operations not included in last week's statement. The heavy balances of over \$0,000,000 in to-day's clearing house statement undustredly reflect operations in connection with Monday's payment of \$8,500,000 on account of the Union Pacific sale. The day's shipment of gold, while it indicates certain relief available in case of undue stringency in the local money market, also indicates the belief that the present hardness of money rates is likely to endure for a considerable time without relief. It has come to be generally recognized that large imports of gold will be necessary to settle our existing trade balance with Europe, as the expected import movement of merchandise does not develor. But the present hardness of money rates not develor, But the present hardness of money here, it was supposed, would be of short duration and would thus defer the gold movement as long as high rates continue to prevail in London and Berlin. There was expectation after to-day's engagement was announced that there would be further gold importations next week. The stock market has been characteristic of the period immediately preceding the holidays. Dealings have averaged less than 20,000 shares a day and the movement of prices has been sluggish and narrow, except in special cases.

Brisk Packing Demand-Noth-

Western receipts the past week:
K.C. Chi. St.L. Omn.
Cattle . 25,000 40,290 12,000 4,500
Hogs . 99,000 297,600 29,800 40,500
Sheep . 5,500 54,000 6,400 5,100

Cattle, Calves,
Receipts 2346 112
Shipments 2246 12
Shipments 2246 16
Drive-outs 1.625 69
Another light run yesterday caused a firmer market for all good cattle. Reports from points east of us also favored sellers and dressed beef export steers sold light to lie per hundred higher as to qualify, and the pens were cleared early. Range cattle in sympathy also did better and met with a very fair demand. Cows, however, failed to participate in the improvement with steers and, as the past few days, ruled quiet. Stockers and feeders were in light supply, fair demand and firm; milch cows, quiet but steady; common \$15618; medium to fair, \$20626, and good to choice, \$20640.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES.
No. Av.Wt. Price, No. Av.Wt. Price, 17, 1995, \$4.20 25, 192, \$4.85
DRESSED BEEF AND EXPORT STEERS 21, 1257, 4.85, 73, 1431, 4.75
DRESSED BEEF AND EXPORT STEERS 21, 1257, 4.85, 73, 1431, 4.75

The following was the range of prices yesterday, as furnished by the C. S. Lee Commission Company, 29 New York Life building: | Open, High, Low, Yes, Tues, Sugar | 140's 141's 140's 141's 120's Whisky | 77's | 77's | 61's | 77's | 77's | 66's | 77's | 77's | 67's | 77's | 77

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

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St. Louis, Dec. 24.—WHEAT—Receipts, 25,000 bushels: shipments, 33,000 bushels. Higher, closing '1c above yesterday for May, with other options steady to fractionally higher. May opened '4555c higher, declined '3c, advanced '5c and then fell back, closing with sellers 1-15c above the bottom. Spot lower; No. 2 red cash, elevator. Sebid, track '25ca1.00'; No. 2 hard cash, 85650c; December, 254c; January, 85c; May, 17456 '74c; July 873c. CORN—Receipts, 74.000 bushels: shipments, 192.000 bushels. Futures strong, but with only a fractional advance for December and May, unchanged, spot firm, No. 2 cash, 255c; December, 254c bid, January, 254c bid; May, 275c; July, 25c. OATS—Receipts, 25.000 bushels; shipments, 15.000 bushels. Futures strong, 15c higher. Spot strong and higher: No. 2 cash, elevator '25c, track 225c; No. 2 white, 245c; December, 254c; May, 24c. CORNMEAL—Unchanged at \$4.40 per barrel. BRAN—Quiet, steady, offered east track sacked at 3dc. HAY—Scarce and tirm for good grades. Prairie, \$1.0068.50; timothy \$1.0096955. PORK—Steady. Standard mess jobbing, \$5.5. LARD—Nominal. Prime steam, \$4.40; choice, \$4.472. BACON—Boxed lots, extra short clear, \$4.572.009.00; ribs, \$5.1256.52; shorts, \$2.256.373. DRY SALT MEATS—Boxed shoulders, \$4.565.60.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 24.—PRO-VISIONS—Steady. PORK—Mess standard, \$4.565.60.

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New Orleans, La., Dec. 24.—PRO-VISIONS—Steady. PORK—Mess standard, \$4.50.50.00; ribs, \$5.1256.50; shorts, \$2.256.375. DRY \$4.25.80.00; patents, \$1.5063.60; connected white, \$4.69. patents, \$1.5063.60. CORNMEAL—Quiet, \$1.60.00; connected white, \$3.600. CORNMEAL—Easy; prime timothy, \$1.00012.50; choice, \$14.60; patents, \$1.5063.60; connected, \$1.60.00; connected, \$1.60.0

firm, Els 6d. BACON-Long clear middles, light, dull, 25s; long clear middles, heavy,

Butter, Eggs, Poultry and Cheese. New York, Dec. 21.—BUTTER—Receipts, 223 packags; market very firm; Western

Dry Goods. New York, Dec. 24.—In the dry goods market to-day the near approach of the Christmas holidays causes almost a stagnation, there being scarcely any store traders in town, while mail orders continue very light in nearly all divisions of the market. In the cotton goods field there is still more trading in the goods which have been reduced to fill stocks which were depleted previous to the reductions of last week, and while orders for bleached goods are sent forward they are accompanied in some cases by orders for large amounts of brown goods and coarse colored cottons; but in the main the trading in these latter lines is confined to manufacturers' needs and is held within their limits.

New York, Dec. 24.—COFFEE—Options opened steady at unchanged prices, to an advance of 5 points; ruled quiet and featureless with steady undertone under local covering; buying checked by larger realizing receipts and weak spot market; selling checked by exceptionally large United States warchouse deliveries; closed quiet and steady, with prices unchanged to 5 points net advance. Sales, 6.250 bags, including March, 6.15c. Spot coffee—Rio, easy; No. 7, invoice, 6%c; No. 7, jobbing, 7%c. Mild, quiet; Cordova, 8%gifac, 81-GAR—Raw, strong; fair refining, 3%c; centrifugal, 98 test, 4%c. Refined, strong; mold A, 5%c; cut loaf and crushed, 5%c; powdered and cubes, 5.7-16c; granulated, 5%c.

Flour.

New York, Dec. 24.—FLOUR—Receipts, 20:234 barrels; exports, 25:33 barrels; duit and entirely nominal; winter patents, 83:556-545; Minnesota patents, 83:1565-55; Minnesota bakers, 84:2564-50.
Chicago, Dec. 25.—FLOUR—Receipts, 13.—600 barrels; shipments, 13:000 barrels; firm; winter patents, 84:5664-80; straights, 84:2569-40; spring patents, 84:3664-80; straights, 84:3664-40; lakers, 82:3662-80.
St. Louis, Dec. 24.—FLOUR—Receipts, 25:000 barrels; shipments, 25:000 barrels; unchanged; patents, 84:3664-85; straights, 84:356-64-25; dec. 25:000 barrels; shipments, 25:000 barrels; unchanged; patents, 84:3664-85; straights, 84:35662-75. New York, Dec. 24.-FLOUR-Receipts Rye and Seeds.

Rye and Seeds.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Rye—Cash, 46½c; May, 45½c; Flaxseed—Cash, Sl.15½; cash, Northwest, Sl.15½; May, \$1.15½.

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—Rye—Steady, at 46c. Flaxseed—Sl.12½.

Timothy seed—Unchanged; prime, \$2.50.

Toledo, O., Dec. 24.—Rye—Dull, but higher; No. 2, cash, 47c. Cloverseed—Active; prime, cash and December, \$2.17½. Cotton.

New Orleans, Dec. 24.—COTTON—Quiet and steady: sales, 22,300 bales; December, 5,30c bid: January, 5,3495,30c; February, 5,4095,44c; March, 5,4695,47c; Abril, 5,5198 5,52c; May, 5,5695,57c; June, 5,6195,52c; July, 5,9695,67c; August, 5,7095,72c; September, 5,7295,75c; Lend and Zinc.

New York, Dec. 24.—LEAD.—Firmer, \$3.79 bid, \$2.75 asked. Spelter—Quiet, \$2.85 bid, \$4.00 asked. St. Louis, Dec. 24.—LEAD—Strong, \$2.55. Spelter—Quiet, \$3.724263.75.

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LIGHT RUN OF CATTLE AND GOOD STEERS SELLING BETTER.

Quite a Drop in Hog Receipts and Values a Little Better Under a ing Doing in Sheep.

Cattle ... 99,000 207,500 29,800 49,130 Sheep ... 9,200 54,000 6,400 5,100 Same time last year:
Cattle ... 24,500 25,100 11,000 3,000 Hogs ... 93,500 12,900 25,000 25,000 Sheep ... 7,900 40,300 5,500 6,000 New York, Dec. 24.—Cables quote American steers at 104,541lc; refrigerator beef, 74,073/sc; exports, 200 beeves; to-morrow, 400 beeves; 4,614 quarters of beef.
CATTLE—Movements the past 24 hours; Cattle, Calves, Receipts ... Cattle, Calves, Receipts ... 2246 112 Shipments ... 1525 69

STOCK COWS AND HEIFERS. 2..... 529..... 2.35 | 12 5..... 476..... 2.35 | 2 3..... 500.... 3.25 | 2 BULLS. 12..... 757..... 2 85 2..... 105..... 2 85 2.... 905.... 2 879

2 1050 280 2 1015 255
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1 1010 1 100 2 925 240
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1 530 3 50 2 500 3 90

CALVES.
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STOCKERS AND FEEDERS. STOCKERS AND FEEDERS. .. 804. .. 350 S. .. 365. .. 3 69 .. 545. .. 4 35 S. .. 496. .. 3 25 .. 903. .. 3 35 S. .. 95 RANGE CATTLE—TEXAS STEERS 91....1603.....4 00 | 112....1220.....4 35 63.....706.....2 25 TEXAS COWS. 20..... 756. 2 80 | STEERS. INDIAN STEERS. 82..... 6 102.... 573.... 3 65 | 82.... 743.... 3 40 20.... 652.... 3 00 WESTERN STEERS. WESTERN STEERS
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WESTERN BULLS
11. 924. 2.75 5. 886. 3.25

Drive-outs 17.210
There was a noticeable falling off in the receipts yesterday and, under the influence of the reduction in the supply, prices ruled a little stronger. Order buyers did very little, but packers competed sharply for the offerings and prices generally were bid up 2½55c and the pens were cleared without trouble. Several lots of fancy hogs sold at \$1.4063.424. The extreme range was \$2.0063.424; bulk of sales, \$2.256.25.

240 80 100 80 SHEEP-Movements the past 24 hours:

Stock Grand ave.

Receipts ... yards stables ... \$ 128 ... 37 ... 37 steady prices. | We quote: | HORSES-Draft horses, good | 1.250 to 1.450 pounds. | \$10 0007 00 00 | Very respectively. | 1.250 to 1.450 pounds. | \$10 0007 00 00 | Very respectively. | \$10 0007 00

LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Doing Fairly Well, Though No Urgency to the Demand. Quotations below are for job lots. On small lots higher prices are asked and ob-tained, enough being asked to cover extra cost of caring for and filling them.

EUTTER-Market quiet, but prices un-changed. Receipts, 232 packages. Quot-ed: Creamery, extra fancy separator, be; firsts, 15c; seconds, 14c; dairy, fancy, 15c; choice, 12c; country roll, 125/15c; store packed, 95/13c; fresh packing, 76/16c. EGGS-More coming in, but market stendy and firm. Receipts, 145 cases, Fresh

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andled Missouri and Kansas, 19c per dozm; storage, 126/13c per dozen.
POULTRY—Market well supplied; sales from first hands rather slow, but prices teld steady. Receipts, 273 coops. Hens, dec; medium springs, 6c; roosters, 12½/26/15c sch. Ducks, 5½c; geese, 5/26c; turkeys, 8c. Pigeons Rie doze. igeons, &c dozen. BUTTERINE-Quoted as follows: Dairy rades, 11½c; medium grades, 12½c; high rades, 14½c; 1-pound rolls, bricks and rints, to over above prices; 2 and 3-pound olls, 19 and 29-pound packages, 1½c over bove prices

rells, 10 and 20-pound packages, 1½c over above prices, 2-pound packages, 1½c over above prices, 2-fill quiet, Quotations are; CHEESE—Still quiet, Quotations are; New York and Ohio full cream, 125/12½c; Wisconsin, fancy and full cream, 10½-file; Young American, full cream, 10½-file; Missouri and lowa, full cream, 10½-c; Missouri and lowa, full cream, 10½-c; FOTATOES—Held firm, but not quotably higher. The quotations are as follows: Minnesota fancy, bulk, 52c; choice, 6cc, good, 56/55c; South Dakota Reds, 556/5c; Idaho, 66/65c; Cowa, 55/66c; Utah, 55/66c; Idaho, 66/65c; Iowa, 55/66c; Utah, 55/66c; Gereley stock, fancy Rural, 55/c choice Pearl, 65c.

'earl, 68c, SWEET POTATOES-Steady, but slow sale. Quoted at 50055c per bushel from sale. Quoted at 19935c per bushel from growers.

GAME:—Rabbits and quail in good supply and slow sale, with rabbits lower, Others doing fairly. We quote: Frairie chickens, \$5,0945,50; quail, \$1,90. Ducks, mallard, \$1 per dozen; red head, \$1,5044,90; teal, \$1,75,62,90; mixed, \$1,75, Jacksnive, \$1 per dozen, Plover, \$1,25 per dozen. Squirrels, 20035c dezen, Wild turkeys, 19c, Ventson, carcass, 11912c; saddles, 15c, Antelone, 19642c, Elk, 19642c, Bear, 15649c, Rabbits, 20649c dozen, Opossum, 15649c each.

APPLES—Slow sale, but held firm, We quote as follows: Good to choice, 75648190 per bushel; common to fair, 69649c per bushel; Jonathan and Bellefleur, in carlots, \$1,6963.55 per barrel, Winesans and Willow Twigs, \$2,7564.50; Missouri Pippin, \$2,5563.25; Ben Davis, \$2,5963.00; California Bellitower, \$1,550 per box.

GRAPES—Steady, Malaga, \$6,0968.00 per 50 pound barrel.

PEARS-California quoted at \$1.7592.25 a

Wool, Hides and Pelts.

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WOOL—Selling fairly and prices steady. Quoted: Missouri and similar—Fine, 13/415e; cembing, 18/426e; coarse, 17/418e; Kansas, Netraska and Indian Territory—Fine, 19/615e; denbing, 18/618e; coarse, 13/415e; Colorado—Fine, 19/618e; dine medium, 13/616e; coarse and carpet, 13/615e; extra heavy and sandy, 8/79e; burry, 2/62e less.

HIDES AND PELTS—Quiet but steady, Quoted: Green and salted, free of brands, per pound, No. 1, 9e; No. 2, 8e; Nos. 1 and 2, around 84e; green salted kips, 15 to 25 pounds, No. 1, 19e; No. 2, 9e; green uncured, No. 1, 74e. Sheep pelts, green, 5/6/2 pounds, No. 1, 19e; No. 2, 9e; green uncured, No. 1, 74e. Sheep pelts, green, 5/6/2 stand, 29/6 stand, 20/6 small, 20/6 stunk—Hinek, 6/6/4 small, 20/6 stunk—Hinek, 6/6/4 small, 20/6/2/6; medium, 5e; small, 40e. Opossum—Large, 65e; medium, 5e; small, 40e. Opossum—Large, 10e; medium, 5e; small, 40e. Opossum—Large, 10e; medium, 5e; small, 40e. Opossum—Large, 65e; needium, 5e; small, 40e. Opossum—Large, 10e; medium, 5e; small, 40e, Opossum—Large, 65e; medium, 5e; small, 40e/2/6. Badger, 19/625e. Otter—Prime, harpe, 85.69/67.60; medium, 34.69/67.50; small, 81.69/2/60. Badger, 19/625e. Otter—Prime, harpe, 85.69/67.60; medium, 34.69/67.50; small, 81.69/2/60. Badger, 19/625e. Otter—Prime, harpe, 85.69/67.60; medium, 34.69/67.50; small, 81.69/2/60; heavy fine, 8/614e; light fine, 15/617e; tub washed, 20/63045e.

Provisions. There was a more quiet tone to the market yesterday. As on the previous days of the week, there was a fair movement to the consuming trade, but very little in-vestment buying. Prices generally steady. We conte:

The wife showed the letter to her hus-We quote: GREEN MEATS-Shoulders, \$1.00@4.25 per SWEET PICKLED MEATS-Hams, 26.50

clear sides, \$4.45. LARD-Cash, \$4.25. Geo.R.Barse, Pres. J.H. Waite, Sec. & Treas. BARSE LIVE COMPANY...

Rooms 150-160, Live Stock Exchange bldg. Capita' Stock, \$250,000. Paid Up. Buying Stockers and Feeders given special attention. Reasonable Advances to Feeders. Tel. 1849.

LIVE STOCK BY TELEGRAPH.

Omaha, Dec. 24.—CATTLE—Receipts, 700. Market stronger. Beeves, \$1,5004.70; stockers and feeders, \$2,7504.10; cows, \$2,0003.65, HOGS—Receipts, 5,000. Market a shade higher, Top, \$1.40; bulk, \$3,2003.20. St. Louis, Dec. 21.—CATTLE—Receipts, 700. Market strong: Texans 5410c higher. Native beeves, \$3,7504.75; Texas steers, top. \$2.85.

HOGS—Receipts, 3,800. Market steady. Top, 33,45; bulk, 32,363,40. SHEEP—Receipts, 500. Market steady. Sheep, \$2,5064,25; lambs, \$1,0065,50. Sheep, \$2.5004.25; lambs, \$1.0005.50.

Chicago. Dec. 24—CATTLE—Receipts, 2.50. Prices in cattle showed no particular change. Choice beeves were scarce, and most of the sales were at a low range of prices, the market closing dull and weak. Sales were largely at \$4.2565.00, very common dressed beef steers selling around \$4.00 94.75, while a few fancy cattle brought \$5.00. The stocker and feeder trade was only moderate, with sales largely at \$5.306.15; the country demand being slow. Bulls sold actively, exporters being in particularly good demand and helfers active and strong, while canning stuff was steady. Calves were scarce and firm at \$5.7506.50 for the while canning stuff was steady. Calves were scarce and firm at \$5.7500.50 for the were scarce and firm at \$5.596.50 for the better grades.

HOGS—Receipts, 30.000. There was a slow local demand at a further reduction of 5c, the bulk of the sales being at \$3.3256.50, the bulk of the sales being at \$3.3256.30, and prine medium weights at \$3.3256.30, and prine medium weights at \$3.3256.31, and prine medium weights at \$3.3256.31, and prine medium weights at \$3.326.31, and prine medium weights at \$4.006.15, for culls up to \$5.3265.30, and at \$4.006.15, for culls up to \$5.3265.30, and \$4.006.15, but pretty much all the trading was done at \$2.7561.30. Hency export sheep were dull at \$4.0064.25. Lightweight handy sheep were the best sellers.

Dickens Not Good Enough. Of the remaking and unmaking of books there is apparently as little end as of their making. We have already seen the expurgator at work on "Oliver Twist." and now it is the harmless-looking "Sketches by Foz" which are to be torn to pieces. The authorities at Darlinghurst init, in Sydney, Australia, declare that thirty fages of this book are unfit for prisoners to read, and have accordingly cut them out of the copy in the jail library.

FLASHES OF FUX.

"One of the leading Czechs rejoices in the name of Czwrczek." "Say, I recognize that, It's the machine the dentist bores out the cavity with."—Cleveland Plain Dealer. cavity with. —Cleveland Plain Dealer.
Young Softleigh. "Do you know, Miss
Cutting, that I actually believe I am losing
my mind?" Miss Cutting. "Indeed! Why,
how can you tell?"—Chicago News.

Its Value—The artist (complacently)—
"This picture with the frame is worth
\$225." His friend—"Come, old man, you
never gave \$300 for that frame? —Truth." never gave \$300 for that frame?"—Truth.

"Tain't allus puttin' on style da'
counts," said Uncle Eben, "People wouldn't
think a bit mo' o' Santy Claus if he wore
patent leather shoes an' shaved twice a
day,"—Washington Star.

His Blunder—"Ah, I see I have conveyed
a wrong impression." said the young man
who had mistakenly kissed the young
woman's maiden aunt in the darkened
hallway as he came in.—Chicago Tribune.

She Knew Him—Tom—"Did you give. OF INTEREST TO STOCKMEN

HEAVY IMPORTATIONS OF MEXICAN CATTLE CONTINUE.

Number Reported Inspected on Border for Admission Second Week in December Double the Number Last Year.

The importations of Mexican cattle keep up very well. The number of cattle re-ported inspected on the border for admis-sion for the second week in December and reported to Colonel Albert Bean, of the bu-reau of animal industry, here and given be-low show quite a gain over the week pre-vious and were more than double the num-ber admitted the same week last year:

| Dec. 14, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, Dec. 7, Dec. 1897, Dec. 18 110 Total4,559 * 2,748 2.103

According to the Chicago Drovers' Jour-nal, the average weight of cattle sold in that market for 185 was 186 pounds, against 1.118 pounds in 188, a loss of 111 pounds. The average weight of hogs was 24 pounds, against 28 pounds in 1896, a loss of two pounds. The average weight of sheep was 85 pounds, against 88 pounds in 1896, a loss of three pounds. Visitors at the Yards With Stock.

A. J. Fitzey, of Lucas, Kas., was here S. W. Ellis, Havensville, Kas., was here Frank Hobart, Glen Elder, Kas., was in resterday with hogs. J. S. Wright arrived from Norton, Kas., with hogs yesterday. J. L. Bennett, of Holt, Mo., was here yesterday with hogs. J. S. Chambers, Onaga, Kas., arrived with hogs yesterday. M. Schruben, Stockton, Kas., came in with hogs yesterday. Robert Fleming, Mound City, Kas., was up yesterday with hogs.

M. Seikel, Dale, O. T., was up yesterday with hogs and cattle. A. Garland, Kiowa, Kas., was at the yards yesterday with hogs.

B. F. Smithers came in with hogs yesterday from Woodston, Kas. Anthony Eckert, Riley county, Kas., was here with cattle yesterday. S. G. Keck was in from Yates Center, Kas., yesterday with cattle. G. B. Donmeyer, New Cambria, Kas., was here yesterday after feeders. Cary & Shephard, of Pond Creek, O. T., were up yesterday with hogs.

W. T. Maddox & Co., Turney, Mo., had hogs at the yards yesterday. P. W. Good, of Morris county, Kas., was here yesterday with cattle. A. H. Slater, of Norwood, Kas., was in the city yesterday with hogs. G. H. Sisson, of Yates Center, Kas., was at the yards yesterday with hogs. Pat Browne came in from Pottawatomie county, Kas., with hogs yesterday.

I. D. Brockway, Wellsville, Kas., was on the yards yesterday with cattle. He reports cattle and hogs short in Miami county. Corn about half a crop and selling at Ze.

A LUCKY FAILING.

An Unmailed Letter Netted the Husband's Wife Nearly Twenty Thousand Dollars.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer Years ago a Cleveland man gave his wife a piece of what he supposed was worthless Missouri land, a tract which he had taken Missouri land, a tract which he had taken in settlement from a debtor. It was a 240 acre section, and from year to year he sent the few dollars which were required for taxes. If it hadn't been for this small outlay he might have forgotten all about it. The property had been put in his wife's name and a few weeks ago she was surprised to receive a letter from an attorney at Jefferson City making her an offer for the land. It was a long letter, in which the writer said he had found a man who would take the tract for the timber that was on it, and was willing to give \$900 for the propit, and was willing to give 800 for the property. The lawyer went on to say that he considered it a very fair offer. Half the farm was swamp and the other half rock, and it was positively the first bona fide inquiry regarding the property that he had heard of. "The man who makes the offer is an erratic and touchy sort of fellow."

mind."

The wife showed the letter to her husband, who shared her pleased surprise.

That's pretty good," he chuekled. "I never expected to get the taxes back on it. It's just as bad as he says it is—half swamp and half rock. I had a man who was prospecting out that way go over and look at it. He said it was worth about £ an acre. Sit down and write the lawyer that you'll acdown and write the lawyer that you'll ac-

apers at once."
So the wife sat down and wrote the let-

cept his offer and ask him to forward the papers at once."

So the wife sat down and wrote the letter and just as the husband was starting for the office in a great hurry—he always fancied he was late—she gave it to him to mail. He slipped it in his inside overcoat pocket, grasped his umbrella and was off. Once or twice thereafter his wife alluded to the farm transaction and wondered when the papers would be along. The husband replied in an absentimised way—he was full of engrossing business at the time—and when two weeks had clapsed they both began to think that the deal had failen through.

One morning, just as the husband was starting for downtown, the postman brought a letter for his wife.

"Why it is the Jefferson City postmark." she cried. "Let's see what he says."

She tore the envelope open, hastily skimmed over a few lines and then looked up with a little shriek.

"Read that, George!" she cried.

And this is what George read:

"Dear Madam:—Of course I knew what it meant when you failed to answer my proposition. You were investigating, and I don't blame you. I made my offer in the hops that you would snap at if, but it is evident that you haven't snapped. I didn't care to put the offer any higher for fear of arousing your suspicions, and perhaps I got it too high as it was. Having made my little confession—your husband will tell you it was all a trick of the trade—I will come down to business. I represent a mining company, and we are developing a tract south of here and need your farm. We will give you \$2000 cash for it. That's the limit we are willing to go. I will admit that there is another company in the same field, but I feel sure that your advices from here will convince you that the offer we make is a very liberal one. The moment we hear from you favorably the cash will be deposited in the First National bank. Kindly advise me as to your intentions at the earliest possible moment."

The husband looked at the wife.

"Well, by George!" he said.

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A wild light was in the wife's eye.
"Wh-what does this mean?" she cried.
George fumbled in his inside pocket.
"There," he said, as he drew forth the letter which never went; "that's what it means."

means."
"I'll have to forgive you this time," she said.

"Try it again," he cheerfully suggested.

"Accept the second offer, and after I send a telegram or two I think I can guarantee that it will go."

"I'm atraid I can't trust you."

"I'll carry it in my hand all the way to the office."

And so a bad and quite inexcusable falling is the means of putting a beautiful giding on the coming Christmas day in that household.

Different Reasons. In a little New Hampshire village there lives an old lady who has such a sweet spirit of kindliness toward all the world that she is unable to comprehend the entire lack of that spirit in some other peo-

ple. Not long ago one of her granddaughters, Act long ago one of her grandmanghters, and one day told her of a ragged and intoxicated man whom she had seen on the street just before leaving home.

"I can't hear to pass a man like that." she said, vehemently, at the end of her street. she said, vehemently, at the end of her story.

"I know just how 'tis, dear." said the old lady, laving one of her soft, wrinkled hands on the girl's bead. "It does seem as if you'd got to stop and speak with the poor creatures just a minute, don't it? I never can bear to pass 'em without a word; it don't seem human."

The gny little grandfaughter was quite disturbed by this misinterpretation of her words, but she did not undeceive her grandmother as to her meaning. For some reason she felt ashamed.

Cholly-"Are you positive she is not in?" The maid-"I am; I'd lose my job if I wasn't."-Puck.

THE JOURNAL, 10° PER WEEK.

She Knew Him-Tom-'Did you give Miss Gotrox a Christmas present?' Jack-''I tried to. Offered her myself, you know.'' Tom-''And she retused you?'' Jack-''I suppose that's what it amounts to. She said she didn't believe it was right for a girl to accept very costly gifts.''- Brooklyn Life. DELIVERED AT YOUR DOOR.